













Toy Loan Program Newsletter

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Director's Corner

This Newsletter is dedicated in memory of Indira Hale Tucker, a very special former Toyrarian. Ms. Tucker passed away in April 2012. Ms. Indira Tucker dedicated herself to the Toy Loan Program from 1985 to 2000. As a volunteer Toy Loan pioneer, she selflessly gave her time and loving spirit to the children of Los Angeles. She was on the Los Angeles County Toy Loan Advisory Board and assisted in all program decisions made during her fifteen years of service to the Program. We are grateful to Indira and her family for the outstanding impact they had on the Program.

The 2012 Summer Fundraiser is well underway. We are very grateful to the Lafetra Foundation and the Rainbird Corporation for a recent generous donation to Toy Loan and Adopt-A-Family Programs. The donation will be used to purchase toys for the Toy Loan Program and to provide gifts to families during the holidays.

The Toy Loan & Volunteer Program staff will be at various events this Summer. Be sure to stop by at the LAPD National Night Out event on August 7th, 2012, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. In addition, DPSS employees are encouraged to join us at the LA County Fair Parade on September 9, 2012 at 11:30 a.m. Show pride for our wonderful Department and march in the parade with family and friends. For more information, please call Erica Moya, Departmental Volunteer Coordinator at 213) 744-4348.

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New Toy Loan Coordinator:

Maria G. Zapien-Carmona

Please help us in welcoming our newest addition to the Toy Loan & Volunteer Services family. Maria is the newly appointed Toy Loan Coordinator, replacing Erica Moya who has been promoted to the Volunteer Services Coordinator position. She was previously working at Florence District as the QC Monitor. She enjoys spending time with her family. Please call Maria if you have any questions regarding Toy Loan at (213)744-4346.





Lakewood Girl Scouts Troop #1453

On June 25, 2012, the Lakewood Girl Scouts visited the Toy Loan Headquarters. The 8th Grade Girl Scouts worked very hard for three months to donate over 800 toys and books. They passed out fliers and went door to door with their wagon to collect toys and books from the community. Thank you for all your hard work in gathering the donations, and keep up the good work. The children will truly enjoy them.

Toy Loan Grand Openings

We are very proud and excited to announce Toy Loan Center's most recent Grand Openings:



June 6, 2012 at

DCFS Kinship Santa Fe Springs.



June 13, 2012 at

DCFS Kinship Los Angeles.



June 27, 2012 at

Pio Pico Playground - Pico Rivera

We hope to continue to expand our program all over Los Angeles County. Thanks to all who helped make the three grand openings spectacular events.



Volunteer Programs Newsletter



Supervisor Antonovich's Remembering Our Veterans and their Families

Supervisor Antonovich hosted his annual "Remembering our Veterans and their Families, Past, Present and Future" Event in Arcadia County Park on Saturday, May 26, 2012. A special tribute was paid to all our Armed Forces with a sky-diving and parachuting show. Free immunizations, health screenings, veterans benefits and legal information was provided to all in attendance at no cost. Toy Loan also continues to support this great event by providing free gifts to all the children. Adults were provided with information on Toy Loan & Volunteer Services. Toy Loan enjoys being part of this worthwhile event each year. We hope to see you there next year.



L to R: Sheryl L. Spiller, DPSS Director, Alexander Ruiz and Lisa Urias of Toy Loan.

Office Volunteer Liaison (OVL) Training

On Wednesday, May 9, 2012, the BAS/Financial Management Division's Volunteer Services Section held a training for all Departmental Office Volunteer Liaisons at the East Los Angeles Community Senior Services Center in the City of Los Angeles. This was our first bi-annual meeting for 2012. Over 35 OVL's attended the training. We discussed the 2012 Toy Loan Summer Fundraiser and the Volunteer Program Guidelines. To obtain more information on the Toy Loan Summer Fundraiser or Adopt-A-Family Program, please contact your OVL or Erica Moya, DPSS Volunteer Coordinator, at (213) 744-4348.



Join DPSS at the Los Angeles County Fair Parade on

September 9, 2012

Yes, it's here again!! Games, food, prizes, the L.A. County Fair is back. Bring the entire family and visit the Toy Loan & Volunteer Services staff at the L.A. County Fair on Sunday, September 9, 2012. Toy Loan & Volunteer Services will be giving out free toys and information for everyone in attendance.

Make this a fun-filled family adventure by walking with DPSS in the parade. Bring the kids, bring your friends. If you and your family would like to walk in the L.A. County Fair parade or for more volunteer opportunities, please contact Erica Moya, Departmental Volunteer Coordinator at (213) 744-4348.



Toy Loan And Volunteer Services Calendar of Events

4th of July	7/4
LAPD National Night Out	8/7
Second Chances—Back to School Block Party & Health Fair	8/11
L.A. County Fair	9/9
OVL Training	9/20
Toy Loan Advisory Board Meeting	9/27
Funmania	9/29

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